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Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3436 & Addendum, 3444, 3450, 3451, 3452, 3464, 3470, 3472, 3473, 3474, 3475, 3483, 3415.26/1 & 2, 3489, 3492, 3500.

The German Delegate wished to inform the Committee that his Government had decided finally to withdraw the exception request they had submitted on 9th March, 1959 (COCOM 3450), the discussion of which had been postponed sine die on April 20th, 1959 (see COCOM 3500).

The Delegate wished however to make it clear that this withdrawal in no way implied a recognition of the arguments which had been put forward by the United Kingdom and United States Delegates at the time of this submission.

The German views regarding the strategic importance of communication cables, both in general and in this particular case, have remained unchanged since the discussions which took place in the course of the List Review in 1958.

The withdrawal of the German request should therefore not be interpreted as prejudging the German position with regard to the forthcoming List Review.

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